

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

TYRELL KNIGHT,)
Plaintiff,) 4:06cv3152
vs.) MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
SALLY UNKNOWN, et al.,)
Defendants.)

This matter is before the court on Filing No. 25, the Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO") filed by the plaintiff, Tyrell Knight, a prisoner in the custody of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services ("DCS"); and Filing No. 28, the plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Amend the Complaint, with proposed Amended Complaint attached. The plaintiff asserts federal civil rights claims pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, alleging that he was involuntarily subjected to administration of a psychotropic drug (Risperdal) known to have damaging side effects. The plaintiff alleges violations of the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

The plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Amend the Complaint is granted. The Amended Complaint attached to Filing No. 28 is accepted for filing instanter. The Clerk of Court shall copy the Amended Complaint and file it separately, and send a copy of the docket sheet to the plaintiff, without charge, after doing so.

After this case returned from the Bankruptcy Court, the court noted that because the plaintiff had filed his bankruptcy petition one week after he paid his initial partial filing fee, no initial review of the complaint or service of process on the defendants had yet occurred, in light of the bankruptcy stay. Since that time, the court has conducted initial review, and

the Clerk of Court sent forms to the plaintiff to complete and return for service of process on the defendants by the U.S. Marshal, as the plaintiff is proceeding in forma pauperis.

The court has received forms for service on only one defendant, Sally ("unknown") Sterling. No defendant has yet received a summons, entered an appearance or responded to the complaint. After the defendants appear in the case, the plaintiff may reassert his Motion for a TRO, if he deems appropriate. In that event, the plaintiff must comply with Fed. R. Civ. P. 65, a copy of which is attached to this Memorandum and Order. In addition, the local rules of this court require a brief in support of a motion requesting substantive relief. Accordingly, Filing No. 25 is denied at this time as premature, because no defendant has as yet been brought before the court.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Filing No. 28, the plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Amend the Complaint, is granted;
2. That the Amended Complaint attached to Filing No. 28 is accepted for filing instanter; the Clerk of Court shall copy the Amended Complaint and file it separately, and send a copy of the docket sheet to the plaintiff, without charge, after doing so; and
3. That Filing No. 25, the plaintiff's Motion for a TRO, is denied as premature, without prejudice to resubmission after the defendants appear in the case.

DATED this 30th day of March, 2007.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp
United States District Judge

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 65

(a) Preliminary Injunction.

(1) Notice. No preliminary injunction shall be issued without notice to the adverse party.

(2) Consolidation of Hearing With Trial on Merits. Before or after the commencement of the hearing of an application for a preliminary injunction, the court may order the trial of the action on the merits to be advanced and consolidated with the hearing of the application. Even when this consolidation is not ordered, any evidence received upon an application for a preliminary injunction which would be admissible upon the trial on the merits becomes part of the record on the trial and need not be repeated upon the trial. This subdivision (a)(2) shall be so construed and applied as to save to the parties any rights they may have to trial by jury.

(b) Temporary Restraining Order; Notice; Hearing; Duration. A temporary restraining order may be granted without written or oral notice to the adverse party or that party's attorney only if (1) it clearly appears from specific facts shown by affidavit or by the verified complaint that immediate and irreparable injury, loss, or damage will result to the applicant before the adverse party or that party's attorney can be heard in opposition, and (2) the applicant's attorney certifies to the court in writing the efforts, if any, which have been made to give the notice and the reasons supporting the claim that notice should not be required. Every temporary restraining order granted without notice shall be indorsed with the date and hour of issuance; shall be filed forthwith in the clerk's office and entered of record; shall define the injury and state why it is irreparable and why the order was granted without notice; and shall expire by its terms within such time after entry, not to exceed 10 days, as the court fixes, unless within the time so fixed the order, for good cause shown, is extended for a like period or unless the party against whom the order is directed consents that it may be extended for a longer period. The reasons for the extension shall be entered of record. In case a temporary restraining order is granted without notice, the motion for a preliminary injunction shall be set down for hearing at the earliest possible time and takes precedence of all matters except older matters of the same character; and when the motion comes on for hearing the party who obtained the temporary restraining order shall proceed with the application for a preliminary injunction and, if the party does not do so, the court shall dissolve the temporary restraining order. On 2 days' notice to the party who obtained the temporary restraining order without notice or on such shorter notice to that party as the court may prescribe, the adverse party may appear and move its dissolution or modification and in that event the court shall proceed to hear and determine such motion as expeditiously as the ends of justice require.

(c) Security. No restraining order or preliminary injunction shall issue except upon the giving of security by the applicant, in such sum as the court deems proper, for the payment of such costs and damages as may be incurred or suffered by any party who is found to

have been wrongfully enjoined or restrained. No such security shall be required of the United States or of an officer or agency thereof.

The provisions of Rule 65.1 apply to a surety upon a bond or undertaking under this rule.

(d) Form and Scope of Injunction or Restraining Order. Every order granting an injunction and every restraining order shall set forth the reasons for its issuance; shall be specific in terms; shall describe in reasonable detail, and not by reference to the complaint or other document, the act or acts sought to be restrained; and is binding only upon the parties to the action, their officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and upon those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of the order by personal service or otherwise.

(e) Employer and Employee; Interpleader; Constitutional Cases. These rules do not modify any statute of the United States relating to temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions in actions affecting employer and employee; or the provisions of Title 28, U.S.C., § 2361, relating to preliminary injunctions in actions of interpleader or in the nature of interpleader; or Title 28, U.S.C., § 2284, relating to actions required by Act of Congress to be heard and determined by a district court of three judges.

(f) Copyright Impoundment. This rule applies to copyright impoundment proceedings.